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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I am quite upset at the Microsoft Settlement that was recently announced. Why was there no mention of Microsoft's illegal agreements with system integrators to keep other operating systems from being available at boot time. This is a key component of keeping a boot heel on the neck of your competitors, and all under the guise of "trade secrets". This is no different than a street thug extorting money from a small business owner. The true difference as the OJ Simpson trial proves is you can get away with anything, if you have enough money to buy enough lawyers and lobbyists.

I am quite disappointed with this settlement in every aspect. You have sold out the American people for NO GAIN. You spent millions of dollars researching and prosecuting the this case only to fold like a spineless slug when the inevitable heat was turned up. I guess as an American I should be used to my government selling me out, but I am not. I wonder if this will be in history books as the trial that set the tone for the next century.

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